

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF RHODE ISLAND

JOSHUA MELLO

Plaintiff,

vs.

JOHN ROCCHIO and EDWARD ARRUDA

Defendants

C.A. No. 1:23-cv-000479-JJM-PAS

JOSHUA MELLO and RACHEL WARE

Plaintiff

vs.

JOHN ROCCHIO and EDWARD ARRUDA

Defendants

C.A. No. 1:23-cv-000480-JJM-PAS

**DEFENDANTS' MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF THEIR OBJECTION TO
PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO STAY SUMMARY JUDGMENT PROCEEDINGS**

Now come Defendants, John Rocchio (“Defendant Rocchio”) and Edward Arruda (“Defendant Arruda”)(collectively hereinafter “Defendants”) and hereby object to Plaintiffs, Joshua Mello’s (“Plaintiff Mello”) and Rachel Ware’s (“Plaintiff Ware”)(collectively hereinafter “Plaintiffs”) Motion to Stay Summary Judgment Proceedings for the reasons set forth in the memorandum of law attached hereto.

Mello, et al, v. Derek Gustafson, et al

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Defendants

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the within document has been electronically filed with the Court on the 8th day of August, 2025, and is available for viewing and downloading from the ECF system.

I further certify that a true and accurate copy of the within was emailed and mailed, postage prepaid, to:

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